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1. THINGS SEEMED TO BE COMING UNSTUCK HERE ALSO. THIS MORNING
VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR VAN LOC CALLED ON ME AT ABOUT THE SAME
TIME REFTELS B, C, AND D RECEIVED, TO REPORT THAT IVORIAN
DELEGATE-DESIGNATE MINISTER OF JUSTICE ALLIALI HAS JUST
RETURNED FROM FRANCE, HAS NOT PARTICIPATED IN RECENT
COUNCIL MINISTERS' MEETINGS, AND IS THEREFORE WITHOUT
SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ON PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE PRG
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ISSUES. VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR VAN LOC IS UNABLE TO GET

TO ANYONE OF IMPORTANCE IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

2. IN AMBASSADOR LOC'S PRESENCE, I TELEPHONED DIRECTOR OF CABINET NOUAMA AND WAS MIRACULOUSLY ABLE TO REACH HIM. WHEN I ASKED IF THE INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE DELEGATION, HE BEGAN WITH A TIRADE WHICH APPARENTLY RESULTED FROM MY HAVING REFERRED TO LAST YEARS'S CONFERENCE WHERE THE IVORIAN DELEGATION ABSTAINED BECUASE OF LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS. AFTER HIS TIRADE, HE COOLED DOWN SOMEWHAT AND STATED THAT THE GOIC POLICY ON VIETNAM RECOGNITION HAD BEEN STATED AT UNGA AND THAT POLICY HAD NOT CHANGED AND WAS NOT ABOUT TO CHANGE. WHEN I PINNED HIM DOWN ON WHAT THIS MEANT FOR GENEVA, HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE IVORY COAST WOULD SUPPORT GVN.

3. AMBASSADOR VAN LOC AND I ARE BOTH CONVINCED GOIC WILL SUPPORT GVN, BOTH ON PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS. THE ONLY PROBLEM IS WHETHER THE GOIC DELEGATE WILL ARRIVE IN TIME. I CONSIDER THERE IS NOTHING FURTHER I CAN DO IN THAT RESPECT, BUT AMBASSADOR VAN LOC IS CONTINUING TO TRY TO ASSURE THAT THE GOIC DELEGATION ARRIVES BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE OF FEB. 3.
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